



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers
June 2005

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting
Wednesday June 1, 2005
7:30 P.M. at
G Allen's

From the Prez

Greetings fellow homebrewers,

Hi folks!

By looking at the calendar summer is upon us, but by looking out the window its really does not seem so. Looks like good brewing weather to me. I replied to Sean Hewitt from MNHBA about getting some of us certified. I stated that we have some interested members but we would like to see if we could hold the classes' bi-monthly instead of fourteen consecutive weeks and that we had hopes of holding some of the classes here. As of this time he has not responded back. I am sure he will respond soon.

Inter-Club Campout

This year the home brewers campout will be the weekend of August 5. At the Nushka Group Campsite near Cass Lake in the Chippewa National Forest. Nushka Group Campground is located six miles east of Cass

Lake on Highway 2. This is a beautiful location with a very clean lake. The charge will be about \$10/person for the weekend depending on the number of people in attendance. If you have never been to the all club campout I suggest you go it's the best beer tasting anywhere in the state and the tasting is free. Unfortunately I will be in Colorado that weekend so I cannot make it. It would be nice if some people from the club made it to represent us.

May's Minutes

-Thanks to Granite City for hosting May's Meeting.

-Big Brew at Cody Winter's house Sat, May 7 at 10 or 11 am 619 7th St South Sartell. Bring your own equipment and ingredients.

-Larry, Darin and James assisted Benton County Fair Board to choose logical beer categories to be judged. Thank you

-There is some interest in Benton Co Fair booth (which we figure will cost \$75 without electricity). We probably have to decide at our June meeting. Cody is interested in brewing all grain, and I may be able to brew an extract/grain beer.

We could have samples of hops and malt,

equipment, handouts. We should have club brochures on hand, sign up for community ed (or at least acknowledge it), club newsletters and web site, club banner, and any colorful posters, wheels, giveaways, etc. Maybe sell rootbeer? Set aside August 2-7th (although we are not obligated to be there at any specific time or date)

-No one has a calendar which will tell us when Easter is, so we could not pick a date for March Mashness. I can tell you now that Easter in 2006 will be April 16. Therefore, we have to pick a date in March which does not conflict with any local or large competition

-Thank you James for updating the club brochure

-When is the campout competition date, and where is it?

-I paraphrased the letter from Sean Hewitt about BJCP classes and certification. If instructors would come up here, AND the club paid for the classes and beer (it could be a good investment for the club) AND we could find flexible times and dates, there are 4 members out of 11 present who would be interested. Rick V, James M, Larry N. and Tom Z. Meeting adjourned-Thanks to Granite City for hosting March's Meeting.

Competitions

For a complete list of competitions visit the Events & Calendar on the AHA's web site at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/events.html>.

Club Only Competitions

May 2005

Extract Beers

Hosted by Susan Smith and the Hogtown Brewers of Gainesville, FL.

All BJCP beer styles (Categories 1-23). Extract must make up more than 50% of fermentables*

August 2005

Belgian and French Ale

Hosted by Bob Kauffman and Hop Barley and the Alers of Boulder, CO.

Category 16 Belgian and French Ale*

September/October 2005

European Amber Lager

Hosted by Jack Kephart and the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) of Akron, OH.

Category 3 European Amber Lager*

November/December 2005

Baltic Porter

Entries due November 4, 2005.

Judging will be held November 12, 2005.

Hosted by Brian Lanus and the Ruffian Brewers of Suffern, NY.

Category 12C Baltic Porter*

New Style Guidelines

The new guidelines took January 1, 2005. If you enter competitions please check to ensure that you're entering the proper category. See new 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines at www.bjcp.org.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Congratulations to Jeff Saranpaa for winning the people's choice award for the night with his IPA. Here are the point totals through May

Jeff Saranpaa	4 Points
Tim Frakes	2 Points
Rick Vinje	2 Points
Cody Winter	2 Points

David Arnott	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Mike Esplan	1 Point
James Michael	1 Point
Larry Nusbaum	1 Point
Tom Zupanc	1 Point

Cloudy Town Brewers **Mugs & Shirts**

The Cloudy Town Brewer mugs are now available. The mug has wider base in a gray color with the club logo stamped in brown and green hop ring decal. They are available to club members for \$10 and non-members for \$12. Please contact Tom Zupanc if interested.

We have cream-colored T-shirts that are screen printed with the club logo. They are \$12 for a club member and \$15 for a non-member.

CTB Embroidery

Submitted By Tim Fuerstenberg

For anyone interest in getting our new/current Cloudy Town Brewer's logo embroidered onto their favorite garment, shirt, sweater or jacket (sorry they can't do hats), please bring your item(s) to our next meeting. The cost of the logo is \$10 per item. If you need more information, please contact Tim Fuerstenberg.

continue all of the programs and services of both groups. For more information go to WWW.beertown.org

News You would find hard to work into a conversation with Non-brewers

Beer drinker of the year

The Wynkoop Brewery of Denver Co. picks an annual beer drinker of the year. One who shows the most intense, passionate attitude towards beer in America. This years honors go to Tom Ciccateri of Alexandria, VA. After three years of making it to the finals he finally won top honors. Tom's resume includes tasting over 2,500 beers in 30 countries, visiting 321 breweries, and attending 95 beer festivals. And I'm still on my original liver," he joked.

Plastic cups at the Oktoberfest? AFP reports that one tent at this year's Oktoberfest in Munich will experiment with serving liters of beer in plastic cups instead of the traditional glass stein. The reason: workers sometimes clean up as much as 26 tons of broken glass after the fest. The plastic cups will be easier on the waitresses, too, as each cup weighs about 2.2 pounds less than a full glass liter of beer.

Cody's Brewing

Cody's brewing and he's inviting all who can make it to join him. Here's the dates that He'll be brewing: June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26.

See you all at the meeting! Bring a friend they'll thank you for it. (Bruce will buy you a beer)